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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: :
Abdelhadi et al. :
 : Before the Examiner:
Serial No: 09/964,998 : Wei Y. Zhen
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Filed: 09/27/2001 : Group Art Unit: 2122
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD : Confirmation Mo.: 2722
OF PROVIDING COMMON :
DISTRIBUTED SERVICES FOR :
SYSTEM MANAGEMENT :
APPLICATIONS ACROSS :
HETEROGENEOUS ENVIRONMENTS :

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent Application as provided below and consider the following Remarks.

Amendments to the CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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